



Critical Academic Licensure Shortage Areas for the 2017-2018 School Year

Pursuant to A.C.A. § 6-81-601 et seq. and A.C.A. § 6-85-109, the Arkansas Department of Education has designated the following areas as critical academic shortage areas for the 2017-2018 school year.

- Art
- Computer Science
- Family & Consumer Science
- Journalism
- Library
- Mathematics
- Music
- Physical Science (Physics, Chemistry)*
- Social Studies
- Spanish
- Special Education

As described in Arkansas Code Annotated §§ 6-81-608 and 609 (Incentives for Additional Licensure), 6-81-1601 through 6-81-1606 (Financial Incentives for Teaching in Shortage Areas), and 6-85-101 (Academic Challenge Scholarship), teachers in these critical shortage areas may be entitled to financial incentives.

These shortage areas, which have been approved by the US Department of Education, may benefit student grant and loan recipients who qualify pursuant to specific provisions addressed in regulations concerning federal student financial aid programs. More information about these financial aid programs can be found at the Arkansas Department of Higher Education Financial Aid Office. Call [501.371.2000](tel:501.371.2000) or [click here](#).